

REMARKS

Claims 39-79 are currently pending in the subject application, and are presently under consideration. Claims 45-50 and 55-73 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 39, 40, 42-44, 51-54, and 74-79 are rejected. Claims 39 and 51 have been amended. Claims 40 and 41 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 39, 40, 42, and 44 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 39, 40, 42, and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2005/0063027 to Durst, et al. ("Durst"). Claim 39 has been amended to include the elements of claims 40 and 41, now canceled. Claim 41 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 39 should now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 39, as well as claims, 42-44 and 74-76 which depend therefrom, is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 43, 51-54, 74, and 77 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 43, 51-54, 74, and 77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Durst in view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0121241 to Kodama ("Kodama"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Claim 43 depends from claim 39. As described above, claim 39 should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, claim 43 should likewise now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 43 is respectfully requested.

Claim 51 has been amended to recite substantially the same elements as claims 40 and 41. Claim 41 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 51 should now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 51, as well as claims, 52-54 and 77-79 which depend therefrom, is respectfully requested.

Claim 74 depends from claim 39. As described above, claim 39 should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, claim 74 should likewise now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 74 is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 75, 76, 78, and 79 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 75, 76, 78, and 79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Durst in view of Kodama, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,319,476 to Yamazaki, et al. ("Yamazaki"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Claims 75 and 76 depend from claim 39. As described above, claim 39 should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, claims 75 and 76 should likewise now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim claims 75 and 76 is respectfully requested.

Claims 78 and 79 depend from claim 51. As described above, claim 51 should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, claims 78 and 79 should likewise now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim claims 78 and 79 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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